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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Application Number     | 09/922,948     |
| Filing Date            | August 7, 2001 |
| Examiner Name          | H. Wilkins     |
| First Named Inventor   | Stefan WIGGER  |
| Group Art Unit         | 1742           |
| Attorney Docket Number | 37934-211661   |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **Enclosed**
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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| Name (Print /Type) | Margna V. Schneller | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 26,032            |
| Signature          |                     | Date                              | December 17, 2004 |

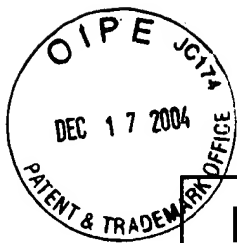
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SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.  
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

(Reflects USPTO filing fees in effect from 12/08/04)

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ ) 790

## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order  
☒ Deposit Account ☐ None

Deposit Account Number 22-0261

Deposit Account Name Venable LLP

The Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below  
☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee  
☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
☒ Credit any overpayments

to the above-identified deposit account.

☐ Other (please identify):

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Fee Description              | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Utility Filing Fee           | 300      | 150                   |               |
| Design/Design CPA Filing Fee | 200      | 100                   |               |
| Plant Filing Fee             | 200      | 100                   |               |
| Reissue Filing Fee           | 300      | 150                   |               |
| Provisional Filing Fee       | 200      | 100                   |               |

### 1a. ADDITIONAL FILING FEES

|   |     |     |  |
|---|-----|-----|--|
| Utility Search Fee                                      | 500 | 250 |  |
| Design Search Fee                                       | 100 | 50  |  |
| Plant Search Fee  | 300 | 150 |  |
| Reissue Search Fee                                      | 500 | 250 |  |
| Utility Examination Fee                                 | 200 | 100 |  |
| Design Examination Fee                                  | 130 | 65  |  |
| Plant Examination Fee                                   | 160 | 80  |  |
| Reissue Examination Fee                                 | 600 | 300 |  |
| Application Size Fee, each add'l 50 sheets > 100 sheets | 250 | 125 |  |

Subtotal (1) and (1a.) \$

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description   | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|---|----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20  | 50       | 25                    |
| Each independent claim over 3   | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims   | 360      | 180                   |
| For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent | 50       | 25                    |
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| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
|--------------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| 15           | - 25 =       | 0        | x 50 = 0.00   |

| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$)   |
|---------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|
| 3             | - 3 =        | 0        | x 200.00 = 0.00 |

| Multiple Dependent Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------|
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| Subtotal (2) \$           |          |               |

### 3. OTHER FEES

| Fee Description                     | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Paid |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1-month extension of time           | 120      | 60                    |          |
| 2-month extension of time           | 450      | 225                   |          |
| 3-month extension of time           | 1020     | 510                   |          |
| 4-month extension of time           | 1,590    | 795                   |          |
| 5-month extension of time           | 2,160    | 1,080                 |          |
| Information disclosure stmt. fee    | 180      | 180                   |          |
| 37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee       | 50       | 50                    |          |
| Non-English specification           | 130      | 130                   |          |
| Notice of Appeal                    | 500      | 250                   |          |
| Filing a brief in support of appeal | 500      | 250                   |          |
| Request for oral hearing            | 1,000    | 500                   |          |

Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 790

Subtotal (3) \$ 790

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